

Korean War

After WWII North Korea controlled by Soviet Union
South Korea controlled by USA

Course

250 June 1950: 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army poured across the 38th parallel (boundary between the Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north and the pro-Western Republic of Korea to the south) → first military action of the Cold War

July 1950: American troops enter the war

Spring 1951: North Korea reinforces pressure on South Korea (supported by China) → US&UN-troops forced to retreat

Autumn 1951: increased bombings on both sides → increased number of victims; combat fatigue (war of attrition) => trench warfare

July 1953: armistice → end of war

Outcome

- further divergences between the USA and China
- highly increasing armament on both sides
- conflict lasting until today

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